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NOTICE OF PESTICIDE USE



Please note that between June 9 and 27, 2003, the Regional Municipality of York will be conducting a larvicide program under the authority of the Medical Officer of Health to control larval mosquitoes in order to prevent their development into vectors of West Nile virus. This is phase one of the 2003 York Region larviciding plan.

The pellet formulation of the larvicide methoprene (product name Altosid, with Registration No. 22676 under the Pest Control Products Act) will be placed into catch basins of storm drains within a 2 kilometre zone of the identified areas where positive human, bird and mosquito cases were identified in 2002 and 2003.

Catch basins where larvicide has been applied will be marked with this symbol:



In addition, the larvicide *bacillus thuringiensis* subspecies *israelensis* (product name Aquabac, with Registration No. 26863 under the Pest Control Products Act) may be placed in ditches and temporary or permanent standing water including stormwater retention ponds if evidence of mosquito breeding is found. Signs will be posted along the perimeter of any retention pond or ditch treatment areas.

All larvicide will be applied by Ministry of the Environment licensed applicators or trained technicians.

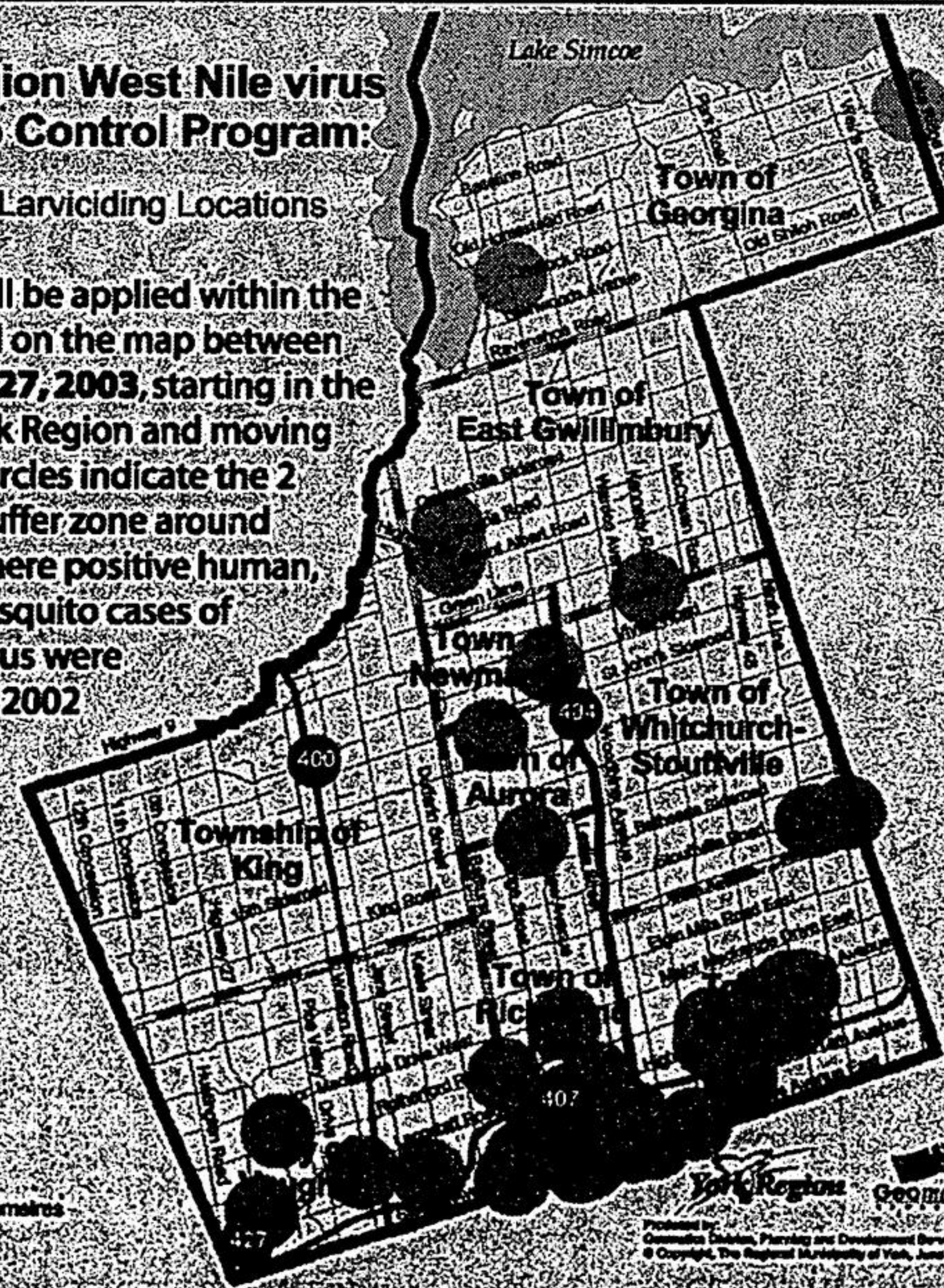
Larviciding is a safe and effective measure for the control of West Nile virus. The slow-release pellet formulation interferes with the mosquito life cycle, preventing the mosquito larva from reaching maturity and reproduction. It is not sprayed. The products have been approved by both the provincial and federal governments and are considered safe for humans and the environment.

The map outlines the areas where larvicide will be applied. For details on exact locations and dates of treatment please call Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653 or visit www.region.york.on.ca

York Region West Nile virus Mosquito Control Program:

Phase One Larviciding Locations

Larvicide will be applied within the areas circled on the map between June 9 and 27, 2003, starting in the south of York Region and moving north. The circles indicate the 2 kilometre buffer zone around locations where positive human, bird and mosquito cases of West Nile virus were identified in 2002 and 2003.



Additional larvicide applications this season will target catch basins across York Region. Residents will be notified in advance.

For more information call 1-800-361-5653